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ZERO BASED BUDGET
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to weed out dead schemes and start the process of zero-based budget from next financial year ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the Ministries have been asked to identify such schemes and submit its report;

(d) if so, the response of the Ministries; and

(e) the action proposed by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a, b, c & d) As announced by the Finance Minister in his budget speech for the year 2000-01, all on-going schemes will be subjected to rigorous zero based budgeting scrutiny. All Ministries/Departments were, accordingly, advised to set-up a Task Force to review all schemes and programmes. Upto now, about 50 Ministries/Departments have completed the zero based budgeting exercise.

(e) Report of the task force are considered in a Central Monitoring Group in the Finance Ministry for continuation /discontinuation/merger of schemes during the current Plan or the Tenth Plan Period.